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The State Capital.

A Newsy Letter from Columbia--The City's Many Attractions, Educational and Otherwise, But not Ahead of Rock Hill in Some Respects.

Mr. Editor: Christmas is over in several respects. The small boy has ceased to "make fuss" with his fire crackers, torpedoes and "sticks". The business world has about settled down to work again. The school boy and girl, the college man and woman are looking with dread to next week, when they must take up their books and "settle down" to a few more months of work. But one of the most important parts of Xmas lingers, viz, "eating". The little girl is still "dee-lighted" with her dolls, her tea set, her doll furniture, etc., and so on. The writer was at home in the "City of the Red Rose". There it was quiet but a merry Christmas.

Well, Mr. Editor, why not come down to see the Capital of your State? Should you ever have occasion to come down just remember that there are more than one Lancaster in Columbia and any other of your citizens are cordially invited to visit us or to move here.

We cannot say that Columbia has been dull this fall and that part of the winter which has passed. True it is that Baseball has taken a "back seat" till the Spring, and the University didn't have a "feet ball" team this year, but we have had other things to draw our attention to pleasure and fun. The three colleges, the Columbia College, the College for Women and the University of South Carolina opened their doors in September and brought several hundred young and women into our city from all portions of the State, and by the way Lancaster is well represented at all of these institutions. Then the Fair came, "Nuff sed." As soon as we were about rested up from its effects the Unveiling of Hampton Monument took place. There have been various other amusements, such as "Lady Baltimore Fete", Thanksgiving, Xmas and then the Theatre-goers have been well treated. The supreme court has brought to Columbia as one of its members Judge Ira B. Jones of Lancaster. We were also glad to see several members of her bar down here one week recently.

From time to time we have seen several of our friends from Lancaster. We are always glad to see them.

The Legislature convenes in a few days. Preparations are being made for the coming of law makers.

Santa Claus did not forget the children and "grown up" either in Columbia this year but divided a large portion of his goods

and left them here.

Well, Mr. Editor there is no news, but I shall come again, so "farewell"

Be sure and come to Columbia sometime and see the Skyscraper, the new Columbia College, the new hotel the Colonia, and various other points, but don't fail to come by Rock Hill, for we can't boast of one thing she has, that is patented street car; then she has a street sprinkler. Oars only works occasionally and Rock Hill has a town clock and ours stops every time the moon changes, but we have one wonder that Rock Hill would like to add to her long list, that is a sleeping negro preacher. When awake he is very illiterate and neither read nor write, when asleep can preach very eloquent sermons with almost faultless grammar.

Happy New Year to you and to all.

Your humble servant,

Lancasterian.

Columbia, Dec. 29, 1906.

Seaboard Train Held up--Passengers Robbed, Pullman Conductor Shot.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—Near LaCrosse, Va., on the Seaboard Air Line at 2:30 this morning the passengers in the sleeper of train 81 out of Richmond, were held up and robbed of about \$800, besides jewelry. The robbers, two in number, got on at Acca, north of here, as passengers and one remained in a day coach while the other went through the sleeper. The Pullman conductor while attempting to arrest the man robbing his passengers, was shot by the robber through the arm. The man then pulled the emergency brake cord, stopped the train, and with his confederate escaped to the woods. F. K. Baul, millionaire, of Racine, Wis., was among the passengers who were robbed.

Mr. Charles Grimes Married.

Mr. Charles Grimes, of Orangeburg, who has a number of friends in Lancaster, where he at one time worked on The News, was married a few days ago, as will be seen from the last issue of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat:

Mr. Charles Grimes and Miss Emmie F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Corker, were married at the family residence on last Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. C. Dietz. Immediately after the marriage the young couple took a trip to Charleston for a few days. The many friends of the young couple wish them a long and happy married life. Mr. Grimes is a trusted member of The Times and Democrat composing room force, and is an excellent young man, and his bride is a most charming young lady.

Clear up the complexion, cleanse the liver and tone the system. You can best do this by a dose or two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Safe, reliable little pills with a reputation. The pills that everyone knows. Recommended by Crawford Bros.

Another Railroad Horror.

This Time on B & O Road near Washington--Many Persons Killed and Wounded.

Washington, Dec. 30.—An appalling disaster occurred to night at 7 o'clock on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Terra Cotta, about three miles from this city, in which about 38 persons were killed and over 60 injured, some of them so seriously they will die. The accident was caused by the collision of train No. 66, due here at 6:25 p. m., from Fredericksburg, Md., known as the Frederick special, with a dead-head passenger equipment special of eight cars. Over 200 passengers were aboard the ill-fated train. The railway officials tonight were unable to assign any cause for the collision. As soon as the news of the wreck reached this city all ambulances available, with as many physicians as could be assembled, were sent to the scene.

Number Killed in Awful Wreck near Washington now Estimated at 52--Many of the Injured will Die.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Baltimore & Ohio wreck at Terra Cotta last night grows in magnitude, as the hours pass. The most conservative estimate of the dead tonight is 52, with three scores of injured in the hospitals or in their homes suffering from wounds and fractures sustained in the rear end collision which completely demolished the two day coaches and the smoker attached to the local Frederick (Md) train No. 66. Several of the most seriously injured are expected to die and the death list may reach 60 or more.

Heart-rending and pitiful were the scenes at city morgue today, where hundreds of persons flocked to assist the police in the identification of the dead. Women, girls and even men with iron nerves, sobbed faintly as their relatives or friends were found among the corpses strewn about the floor.

Wreck on Seaboard--Engineer Maxwell's Horrible Death.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Seaboard Air Line's fast mail No. 32, northbound from Atlanta to Richmond, crashed into a string of loaded freight cars at Peachland, a flag station 19 miles east of Monroe, late last night, partially wrecking the passenger train and killing Engineer S. E. Maxwell, of Raleigh.

Running 50 miles an hour Engineer Maxwell sighted the freight as he rounded the curve

near Peachland and with concern only for the passengers, whose lives were in his care, he applied the emergency brakes in an effort to moderate the impending crash. The speed was reduced to 10 miles an hour when the train struck and the fireman jumped without being hurt. Maxwell stuck to his post, was caught between the engine and tender and slowly roasted to death in view of the rescuers, who strained every nerve to reach him. Helplessly pinned in an upright position with both feet in the firebox, the brave man lived four hours, fully conscious, talking cheerfully to the rescuers, his last words being a message to his wife and child at Raleigh. No one else was hurt.

Horrible Fate of a Young Man in Chesterfield--M. D. Smith, a Former School Teacher, Burned to Death.

Patrick special in the Columbia State: M. D. Smith, a young white man who lives about five miles north of Patrick, was burned to death Monday night at his home. Smith had been to Cheraw and was thought to have imbibed too much Christmas whiskey. He was found dead in the yard. His clothes were burned off.

Smith belonged to a good family and for several years taught school in this county.

The house and contents and an out house were burned. Mr. D. A. Smith, a brother of the deceased, was also in the house but escaped with few injuries. No clue can be gotten as to the origin of the fire.

Operator in Blockhouse Attacked by Negroes.

Gaffney special in Sunday's State: At Mt. Zion, four miles north of Spartanburg, a crowd of negroes entered the block office and made the operator dance, injuring him to some extent. The operator telegraphed to Gaffney for help and a posse gathered at the depot with intention boarding train No. 97. For some reason the train at Gaffney was given the white light and left the station before the posse could get aboard, leaving them standing at the station. It was stated later that the negroes had left the block office, and that the sheriff had gone to the scene.

Indians Kills 16 Americans.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Business men of Sonora, Mex., recently arriving here, say that within the last two months 16 Americans have been killed by Yaqui Indians at one point or another in Mexico. Most of the victims were settlers who fled three years ago during Indian troubles but recently returned, believing the railroad building had progressed to a point where they would be protected from the murderous bands of Yaquis.

A Coming Marriage.

Mr. Lloyd Moore and Miss Hattie Elliott to Wed on the 17th instant.

Invitations have been issued to the approaching marriage of Mr. Arthur Lloyd Moore, eldest son of County Superintendent of Education W. M. Moore, and Miss Harriet McNair Elliott, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Copeland Elliott, of Lancaster. The ceremony will be performed Thursday afternoon, January 17th, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of the prospective bride's parents.

Miss Elliott is one of Lancaster's handsomest and most lovable young ladies, while the young man who has been so fortunate as to win her heart and hand is a model of deportment and a gentleman of sterling character. Mr. Moore is at present agent of the L. & C. road at Fort Lawn. He possesses fine business qualifications and has a bright future before him.

News in Brief.

The Southern, the Seaboard and the Coast Line railroads have been sued by the corporation commission of North Carolina for inaccurate train bulleting. . . . Lee Holder, 18 years old, of Union City, Tenn., has been arrested charged with the murder of his father, Rev. J. R. Holder. . . . Miss Annie Latimer, of Wilmington, N. C., has been declared by painters to be the most beautiful woman in Europe. . . . J. Monroe Speers, of Darlington bar, has been appointed solicitor to succeed J. Monroe Johnson, who died recently. . . . As result of a family feud an Italian laborer, an American woman and the latter's 12-year-old son were found dead at a railroad camp near Motley station, Va., Saturday night. . . . James Polk, 60 years, was shot, and killed Saturday at Monticello, Ga., by Curb Waldrop, young man who had escorted two of Polk's daughters to a entertainment. . . . Will R. negro, was hanged Friday Springfield, Ga., for the murder of Jesse Ziegler, a negro. . . . A company of \$1,000,000 has been organized at Minneapolis of the officers are women. . . . Col. John C. Boyd, of G. adjutant and inspector, elect, was stricken with paralysis Monday afternoon and condition is serious. . . . The district convention of I. O. O. F. was held in Chester last Friday. Delegates from York, Lancaster, Chester and Fairfield counties were in attendance. A big banquet was held in the evening, about 200 being present. It was decided to hold next convention in Lancaster.